

ABSTRACT

WA-II-039

Shifler House

1831

Benevola

private

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Shifler House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

East of Route 40-A

CITY, TOWN

BenevolaVICINITY OF **Boonsboro**

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

James Shifler

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Box 188, Route # 1

CITY, TOWN

Boonsboro

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21713**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.**Washington County Court House**

Liber #: 270

Folio #: 206

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

WA-II-039

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED > 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house is located on the east side of Route 40-A at Benevola, northwest of Boonsboro in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated on a bank above the road and faces west.

The dwelling is a two story, five bay dwelling constructed of roughly coursed local limestone. A modern addition of frame extends to the rear. Also added is a high porch along the south end elevation set atop a field-stone wall. The east slope of the roof has been raised along part of its length with an extension of stone. A vertical seam in the masonry between the third and fourth bays from the north end of the house indicates that the structure was built in sections. A date plaque set between the upper story windows of the second and third bays from the north end is inscribed with the year 1831. Other evidence in the masonry suggests alteration of some doors and windows in the front elevation.

Windows have narrow frames, some of which hold Victorian period two over two pane sashes while others have six over six or nine over six light sashes. Dormers have been added to the west slope of the roof.

Doors are located in the first and third bays of the ground story at the front elevation. Both have received modern trim. Evidence in the masonry suggests that the fourth bay was a door which has been changed to a window. Above this is a door at the second story level. At the rear elevation doors are located at the second or ground story level.

The roof is covered with sheet metal and asphalt shingles. Brick chimneys are located inside each gable end and at the jointure of the two stone sections. The eaves are finished with boxing trimmed with a course of molding. The house is in excellent condition and is located on a tract containing 1.07 acres.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1831

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Constructed of stone and dating from the first half of the 19th century, this house is representative of a major architectural group in the Cumberland Valley in which native limestone is used as the construction material. The owners of the house possess an 1842 ledger for the store located in the building. Earlier in the 20th century a gas station was operated at this site.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY

1.07 ACRES

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

March 1976

STREET & NUMBER

Court House Annex

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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